

Colusa County Economic Forecast

Much of the land area in Colusa County is devoted to agriculture, a primary economic activity and a major source of employment. In 2003, the farm sector employed 2,200 workers, second only to government in size of workforce.

In January of 2003, the population of Colusa County was estimated at 19,700 persons. The largest city in the county is the city of Colusa, whose population now stands at 5,575 residents in 2003, an increase of 1.8 percent over 2002. By the year 2010, population projections estimate Colusa County will be home to more than 22,700 persons.

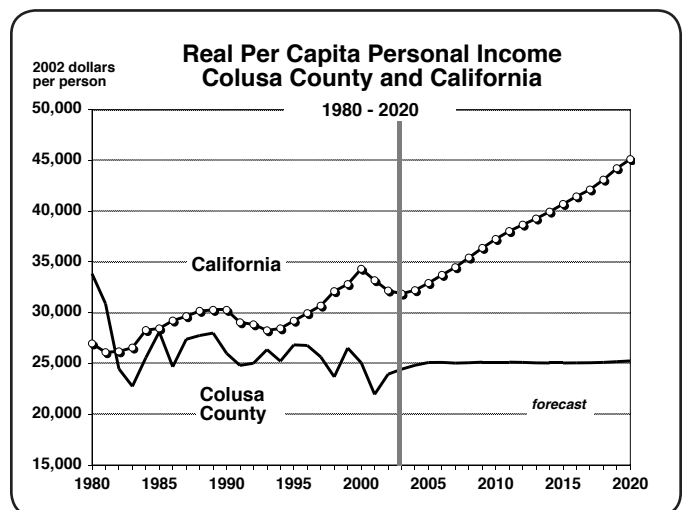
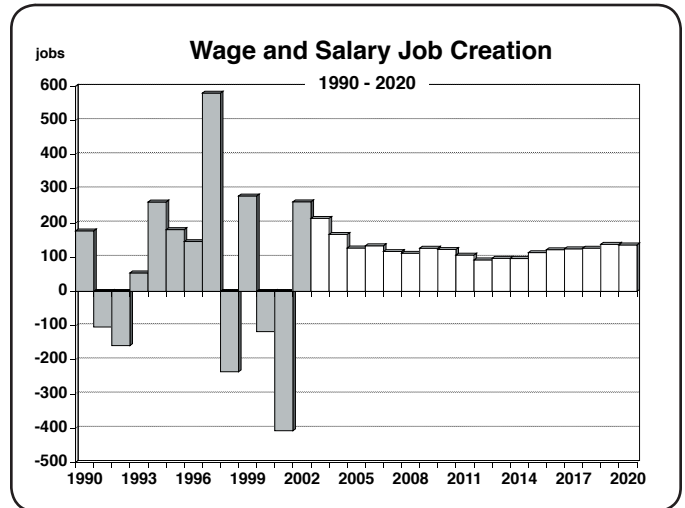
The county's 2002 annual average unemployment rate was 16.4 percent, significantly higher than the state's annual average unemployment rate of 6.6 percent. Throughout most of the year Colusa County has a labor surplus due to the seasonal nature of employment in agriculture and related industries.

The predominant employers in Colusa County are agribusiness-oriented. According to the 2002 annual average employment statistics, the agriculture industry in Colusa makes up 29 percent of the county's total wage and salary employment. The agricultural industry in Colusa continues to grow and diversify. Rice, first grown in Colusa in 1912, has become the area's principal crop, making the county a state leader in rice production and advanced rice production technology. Other important commodities include tomatoes, almonds, wheat, cattle and calves, walnuts, and prunes.

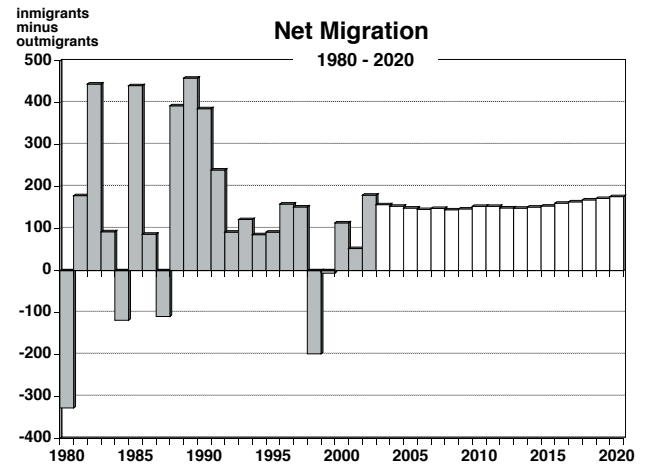
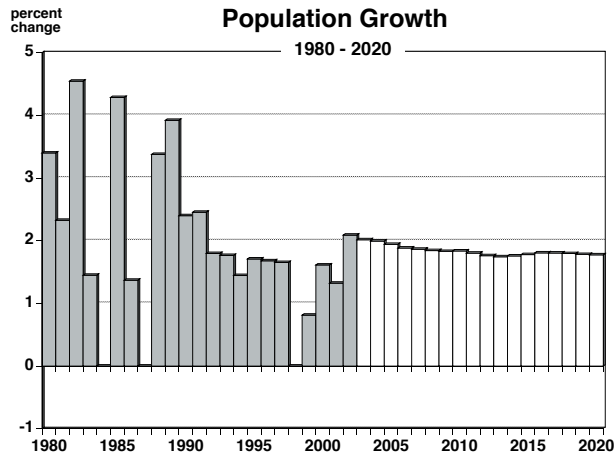
According to the forecast, the government, and retail sectors will have the largest growth over the 2003 to 2008 period. In general however, not much employment growth is expected in Colusa over the forecast period.

Forecast Highlights

- Nearly 750 jobs are created in the non-farm sector between 2003 and 2008. The principal industry of growth is government, which adds an estimated 540 jobs. The wholesale and retail trade sector is forecast to increase employment by 160 jobs. Farming adds 125 jobs to base employment between 2003 and 2008.
- The unemployment rate continues to fall throughout the forecast period, as farm sector employment declines relative to the non-farm sector.



- Inflation-adjusted personal income rises an average of 1.9 percent per year over the next 5 years. In 2002, per person average income was \$23,900. Between 2003 and 2008, real per capita income is forecast to rise only marginally, averaging 0.5 percent per year.
- Population growth accelerates over the next 5 years, averaging 1.9 percent growth per year. This compares to the 1.2 percent average annual growth rate that prevailed between 1997 and 2002. A greater number of births (due to a rising population in the fertile age cohorts) and increased net migration are responsible for the higher rate of population growth projected during the decade.



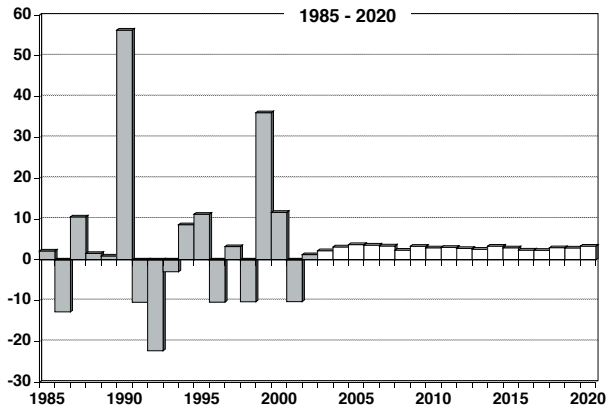
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1995-2002 History, 2003-2020 Forecast

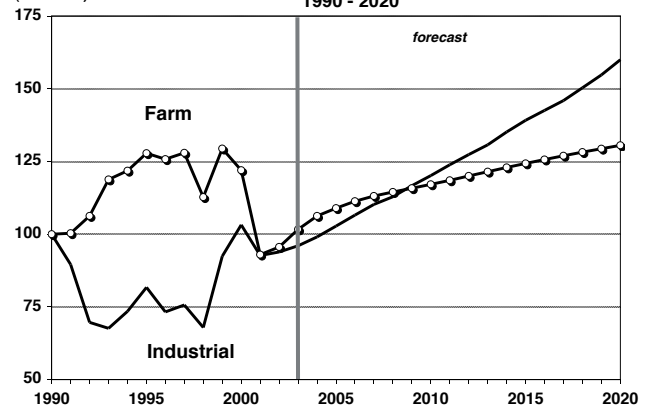
	July Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Retail Sales (millions)	Personal Income (millions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Farm Crop Value (millions)	Industrial Production (millions)
1995	17,850	92	20.1	6.1	62	\$99.4	\$376.2	\$26,834	\$304.9	\$140.5
1996	18,150	159	21.0	6.2	35	\$105.0	\$390.4	\$26,774	\$306.9	\$126.0
1997	18,450	152	20.1	6.2	52	\$109.4	\$393.3	\$25,653	\$322.9	\$130.1
1998	18,450	-198	21.0	6.3	51	\$105.4	\$374.7	\$23,685	\$293.6	\$116.8
1999	18,600	-6	21.5	6.3	48	\$119.2	\$441.0	\$26,528	\$351.3	\$158.9
2000	18,900	114	21.3	6.1	46	\$128.8	\$442.4	\$25,070	\$345.9	\$177.4
2001	19,150	53	21.2	6.1	34	\$127.9	\$413.8	\$21,959	\$277.8	\$159.3
2002	19,550	180	21.4	6.2	41	\$130.3	\$468.1	\$23,942	\$290.3	\$161.4
2003	19,944	157	21.5	6.2	46	\$137.7	\$512.0	\$24,440	\$316.5	\$165.1
2004	20,342	154	21.6	6.2	52	\$145.5	\$538.5	\$24,819	\$340.0	\$170.3
2005	20,737	149	21.9	6.3	56	\$153.3	\$563.7	\$25,098	\$358.3	\$176.8
2006	21,127	146	22.1	6.3	60	\$161.0	\$590.2	\$25,105	\$376.1	\$183.2
2007	21,521	148	22.3	6.4	64	\$168.6	\$615.4	\$25,043	\$392.2	\$189.5
2008	21,918	145	22.6	6.5	69	\$176.6	\$644.1	\$25,077	\$407.5	\$194.1
2009	22,319	147	22.8	6.5	70	\$184.9	\$674.3	\$25,128	\$422.7	\$200.6
2010	22,729	153	23.0	6.6	71	\$193.9	\$706.1	\$25,136	\$439.6	\$206.6
2011	23,139	154	23.2	6.7	73	\$203.3	\$739.1	\$25,130	\$457.5	\$213.0
2012	23,546	150	23.3	6.7	76	\$213.0	\$773.1	\$25,109	\$476.6	\$219.0
2013	23,957	149	23.5	6.8	76	\$223.1	\$808.0	\$25,058	\$496.6	\$224.8
2014	24,378	152	23.6	6.9	77	\$233.3	\$844.9	\$25,054	\$516.4	\$232.4
2015	24,812	154	23.8	6.9	79	\$244.0	\$883.3	\$25,050	\$536.6	\$239.3
2016	25,260	161	24.0	7.0	80	\$255.4	\$925.2	\$25,064	\$557.7	\$245.1
2017	25,715	164	24.3	7.1	83	\$267.8	\$969.8	\$25,071	\$580.0	\$250.9
2018	26,177	169	24.5	7.2	84	\$280.6	\$1,016.5	\$25,104	\$602.2	\$258.5
2019	26,644	172	24.7	7.2	86	\$294.0	\$1,066.0	\$25,176	\$624.4	\$266.1
2020	27,116	177	24.9	7.3	88	\$307.9	\$1,116.8	\$25,248	\$646.8	\$275.1

average annual
percent change**Real Industrial Production**

1985 - 2020

inflation-
adjusted index
(1990=100)**Industrial and Farm Production Indices**

1990 - 2020



Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Utilities	Wholesale, Retail Trade	Finance, Real Estate	Services	Government
-----employment (jobs)-----								
6,951	2,401	71	631	453	1,353	158	589	1,297
7,097	2,569	69	685	319	1,371	168	573	1,342
7,677	3,043	77	703	298	1,349	175	651	1,381
7,442	3,028	99	631	218	1,325	156	615	1,370
7,721	2,869	142	666	248	1,328	164	596	1,708
7,603	2,563	126	820	246	1,351	162	568	1,768
7,196	2,100	93	772	256	1,398	160	603	1,814
7,458	2,160	108	730	250	1,420	170	610	2,010
7,672	2,299	115	671	270	1,440	169	627	2,081
7,839	2,331	118	647	285	1,464	170	638	2,186
7,966	2,324	120	634	297	1,491	171	644	2,286
8,099	2,313	121	634	306	1,520	173	649	2,383
8,216	2,295	121	638	313	1,550	175	651	2,474
8,328	2,287	121	641	320	1,581	177	653	2,549
8,454	2,284	122	642	327	1,612	180	656	2,632
8,577	2,281	122	641	334	1,644	182	660	2,714
8,683	2,281	122	641	340	1,675	185	662	2,777
8,776	2,283	122	643	346	1,706	187	663	2,825
8,873	2,286	122	646	353	1,736	190	663	2,878
8,969	2,287	122	651	359	1,765	191	664	2,929
9,082	2,286	123	657	366	1,794	193	666	2,997
9,204	2,283	123	662	373	1,823	195	669	3,076
9,329	2,279	124	666	379	1,852	197	673	3,160
9,456	2,268	125	671	385	1,882	199	678	3,248
9,594	2,259	125	673	392	1,912	201	682	3,349
9,730	2,255	126	678	399	1,943	203	686	3,440

